



The sands of the college hourglass have almost sifted to the bottom. For many it will be the last time. For many more, it will be only a temporary measure, an interlude in which to set the glass aright.

A year has passed, marked by progress on all sides—and that's the way years should pass. If it weren't for progress, the only alternative would be stagnation followed by degeneration.

Progress on the campus can be seen in the tireless efforts of Pres. C. H. Becker and the administration whose efforts have given impetus to the expansion and development of Wartburg College. Specifically, progress can be seen in the construction program and the curriculum.

But more important, progress is clearly visible in the lives of the students of Wartburg College. Christian Higher Education has taken on a real meaning and has been at work, molding Christian lives.

At times the molding has taken a freakish turn, but progress consists of triumphing over reversals. A firmer belief in the Christian faith, a strengthening of one's moral values, experiences in Christian fellowship—these are marks of progress.

It has been a good year for Wartburg College. God has surely blessed us.

## LETTERS TO EDITOR

### Questionnaires, Answers

To the Editor:

After tabulating the returns of Fortness questionnaires, I would like to answer some of the questions asked on the blanks.

First a question was raised by a male justice as to "where does the money go that the Fortness makes?" Does it go into the college fund?

For a student to be a junior and not to know how money is made and how it is spent by the organization is somewhat unbelievable. Fortness does have its own budget which is set up every spring by the editorial board and this letter is approved by the Publications Committee.

A substantial amount of income is received from the student activity tickets and the rest is made by the hard (and I mean hard) work on the part of the members of business staff. Editors have to be solicited and numerals letters are sent throughout the state for circulation. Patrons and advertisers. All the local merchants are contacted personally. Evidently all money that the Fortness makes goes to the Fortness fund.

Now with a setup like this, the Fortness editorial board can only so much money to work with. These students who want a padded cover still 20 pages I say, "very nice." If the organization runs into debt, nobody pays but the Fortness. If it is not paid one year, the debts are carried over to the following year.

The price one pays for this year's student one last year's covers cost a bill of \$12. Padded covers cost anywhere from \$20-\$30.00. Do you really think it is worth \$7 in high schools that money would be spent for this better cover because there is not

much of anything else in the book to spend it for.

As far as some of the minor items are concerned, like the names used, they were used because they were the only ones known to us. Our specifications called for the use of names of last year, but the company used their own judgment in setting it up. All we could do was to remind the company to do better next year.

I am grateful for your criticisms as it shows your likes and dislikes and helps us, the editors, to do the things that you want done.

John Polis  
Fortness editor

### RETIRED PREXY SAYS THANKS

Dear Editor:

The experience I have had as student body president has been very rewarding. At this time, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to those who made it all possible for me.

My first and most important note of thanks goes to you, the students, who elected me. Special thanks go to a Senate that in my opinion was most cooperative and successful because of the personnel of which it was composed.

To the ones person with whom I worked the closest, Veep Windhorn, I am deeply indebted for cooperation, inspiration and fellowship.

The final and most fitting thanks goes in the form of praise to the FORTNESS for its complete and accurate reporting of student government news. Thank you, and your staff, Ken Stark.

Sincerely,  
Don Maithell  
SEB

## THEIR JOURNEY LIES OVER THE OCEAN

### Traveler Snags Four Here

By Kay Frischel  
Travel study and wedding ceremony are beckoning four Wartburg travelers to Europe this summer.

Dr. E. A. Hordvonen of the Music Department, sophomore Lloyd Groven and freshman Ed Newbauer will sail to June, while Joyce Geyer, sophomore, will leave New York on September 1 to be married in Germany.

Leaving on the "Mauretania" on June 3, Dr. Hordvonen will reach Dublin, Ireland on June 11. His itinerary includes visits to Killarney Lakes in Ireland, Blarney Castle, Dublin, Belfast in Ulster and a motor coach trip around Scotland. Hordvonen, who is a featured European traveler, claims, "This is more of a rubberneck tourist excursion than taking now. It'll be on guided trips. One gets an entirely different idea by getting into the backwoods." He added, "It's worth a year or two of college to travel in Europe."

Joyce Geyer will sail on the "S.S. United States" bound for Hanau, Germany, where she will marry Prof. W. H. Wierwille of Rock Valley College, who is "so excited I can't keep my mouth shut anything." With her wedding. According to law she must be married by an American chaplain and a

Lloyd Groven, Ed Newbauer, Dr. E. A. Hordvonen and Joyce Geyer will leave the campus and the country this summer for European jaunts.

German chaplain. She will live in Germany one year until her husband is discharged from the service. "I plan to take in everything I can in that year," she promised.

A six weeks course in German at the University of Berlin is in store for Ed Newbauer, who sails June 12 on the "S.S. United States." He is traveling with a group of 25 estimated 50 students under the program of "Classrooms Abroad." He's getting very excited. Ed

## FOOTNOTES TO FAITH.

### Keeping The Faith In Strange Ways Memorial To The Quick And The Dead

By Charles Oickson  
Speech Department Head

"We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."

Jim stood rather quietly in the downpour. Only his eyes moved and he looked at him and told him "I was here. I kept the faith." "OK," was the last thing I ever heard him say. The downpour had his usual action of a student. I never saw him again. These things were there but he did what was

expected of him—and a measure more.

I've often thought about Jim, especially in these past three years at Wartburg. His faith that and his human being's command was given through necessity, cost him a great price, a price he hoped beyond all hope he would not have to pay. But with the word "OK," he kept the faith.

That this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom."

Mary Ann stayed seated during the shouting that followed the discussion. There were several things that needed to be thought over a bit more, some terms left dangling in air, some accusations that needed to be answered, interrupted her thoughts.

"What's the matter, Mary Ann? Didn't you hear what he said?"

She didn't move. "He's right. You can't be a Christian, and join that kind of an organization like G. I. Corps, or we've got to stick together on this. Come on! What's the matter? You, of all people, don't you believe him?"

The voice trailed away into doubt. Mary Ann stood up and started away in the opposite direction of the crowd. The crowd looked bewilderingly at Mary Ann, at the crowd, hesitated a moment and then they moved on.

Keeping faith is done in strange ways sometimes. Mary Ann refused to be led by the crowd into an action based on unproven accusations, undefined terms and half-truths. Her decision was unpopular with the majority of the crowd, but it helped turn the tide for others. In her own small way she kept the faith and pointed the way to a "new birth of freedom."

On Memorial Day, 1956, the word "faith" took on added meaning. The hydrogen bomb has been exploded and in many areas of the world men are on the march. There are now, and will be in the future, many ways to "keep faith." Let us see to it in our daily lives.

### 'Tis EDUCATION forms the common mind;



Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined.

### Sword Points By The Staff

SENIORS HAVE now divided themselves into two schools of thinking. There are those "standing on the fence" waiting for the day they can get in their own skin. And then there are those musing about a "Heartbeat Hotel," without a place to call their home.

### GLOBULAR GLIBBLINGS

### Powers Striving For Peace By Flexing Armed Muscles

By Don Oberdorfer

Perhaps the most difficult part of writing a column for a college newspaper is the inability of the writer's question: actively mind to come to a definite conclusion on a fitting subject to write about. As this is the last issue of the paper for the school year, I should follow the trend of the last few years and become semi-emotional in retrospect.

There are many issues that have come up in the past year on which I could dwell. However, this time I'm going to present a regular report.

The U. S. has just exploded its fifth atomic bomb in the race for world peace. This last explosion equals approximately 10 million tons of TNT. Another of the chain of islands, which are geographically plotted, had a small, insignificant island blown up into the stratosphere.

Russia, in turn, having seen the gestures of peace that we have made, decided to cut their atomic arsenal in two. Immediately a clamor arose in our national capitol. Many of our foremost military strategists next year.

clashed this show of peaceful intentions to their bosoms.

This proposed cut, however, doesn't seem to be necessary to the writer of the Communist's good intentions. They are merely posing the idea of a universal military training into action. If we are led into believing that they are taking a big cut out of their forces, then we must be on our guard lest we experience a disaster such as was seen in the opening stages of World War II.

We must take all necessary precautions to maintain our military readiness. We must be ready to meet the various demands of our military show that we are ready outlasted in striking power.

This is not enough to frighten our leading diplomats into action. We must be ready to cut our defense and military budgets in order to assure ourselves that we are not being unprepared for the future.

Atom bombs were followed by hydrogen bombs and are being perpetually for peace while backing up this show with displays of armed might. The United States is in a mess, and this writer leaves it that way until the first edition of our national military strategists next year.

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## 'Sands Of Karakorum' Digs Into Regions Of Unknown

By Ed Schaley

"If you have faith . . . if your heart is ready," then you may begin to understand the reason for the discovery of the black sands, the sands of death, "The Sands of Karakorum."

In 1953, James Ramsey Ullman, an American author, published a new novel, "The Sands of Karakorum," a Book of the Month Club selection. At that time Ullman had been received well as a writer of mountain climbing books. Chief among these, "The White Wolf," published near the end of World War II. He attempts, in this latest novel, to surpass his previous adventure stories and enter into the realm of exotic thought. In this tale about wild and little known places, Ullman creates a type of Shangri-la atmosphere which is intended to build suspense and wonder of the unknown.

A news correspondent, Frank

Knight, leaves his bewildered beat in a Southern China locale to aid two friends, John and Edna Bickel, who are missionaries in lands being seized by Communist advancements. The reporter cannot believe "the received information that the Bickels have turned pro-Communist. He follows through a series of halting adventures to overturn them and to discover the real reason for their disappearance.

"The Sands of Karakorum" is "the story of a search, a search for peace and for truth. Ullman does not fulfill that search by directly implying an ending, therefore leaving himself open to severe criticism such as an appraisal which appeared in the Sept. 13, 1953 issue of The New York Times:

"A fine feeling shines through this dark and bizarre story, but one cannot help wondering whether a gifted tale teller has not simply overrated his talents in a disappointingly tantalizing work."

Ullman offers us adventure in a well told story, but has made this attempt to offer more. He definitely seems to portray human feelings well, but becomes involved in the eventual meaning he wishes to convey — but it cannot be conveyed. He denies that the meaning does not exist. It is lost to some readers, the meaning is then limited, but the attempt is well put forth to explain and to affect imagination and thought.

"The Sands of Karakorum" seems a worthwhile and inspiring adventure into the unknown regions of adventure and thought.

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# Oppiemen Drop Finale To UIU For 7-7 Season, 7-5 In Loop

By Dale Kogelke

The Wartburg College baseball team dropped its final game of the season to an undefeated Upper Iowa University nine, 3-1, in the local field Thursday afternoon.

The loss gave the Knights a final 7-7 overall record and a 7-5 flowa conference mark this year. Lack of reserve pitching strength played an over abundance of errors told the story of the diamond's mediocre season.

In Thursday's game, the Peacocks' Gary Underhill reigned supreme on the mound as he struck seven batters, giving up only five hits. Jack Soenen and Stan Jack collected two hits apiece to lead the Peacocks at the plate.

## Jaspers Looks Good

Although young, Fred Jaspers turned in an outstanding performance on the hill as he tossed a seven hit and gave up just three runs, two of them unearned. Charlie Maish got the big blow for the Oppiemen when he tripled into left-center field and scored when the relay was mishandled.

Wednesday the Knights lost a 15 inning marathon to UIU, the Panthers scored five times in that frame to gain a 10-13 decision.

Charlie Maish's home run with

a man aboard in the eighth inning gave Wartburg a 4-0 conference victory over Peacocks Vets in the teams first meeting at Storm Lake on May 8.

Jaspers turned in another sparkling job in his next outing as he scattered nine hits and walked only three in giving a 4-1 win over Luther. The victory helped the Oppiemen average an earlier 2-0 loss handed them by the Norwester.

Berna Vista invaded the Knights diamond on May 15 and in a game plagued by errors and a string was managed to squeak out a 9-7 decision.

On May 17 the Knights traveled to Fayette and lost a 7-0 decision to Upper Iowa, the 1956 Iowa Conference baseball champion. The Peacocks' Wayne Sawyer, the flowa champion, limited Knight hitters to only four safeties as UIU rolled to their 18th straight baseball victory this season.

## Knights Crab Two

Last Saturday Wartburg took a pair of one run decisions, 5-4 and 10-9, to knock Simpson out of the Iowa Conference baseball race. Jaspers tossed a six-hitter in the opener to gain the 5-4 triumph. The second game turned into a slugfest with freshman Wayne

Slack, the third Knight hurler, collecting the win.

Traveling in Cedar Falls last Monday, the diamondmen fell prey to a 10-6 onslaught at the hands of UIU. The German brothers, first baseman Merrill and third baseman Duane, paced the Peacocks with five hits and five runs batted in between them. Art Maszheim hit a bases empty homer for Wartburg.



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## High Throw, Low Slide — He's Safe

THE HOT CORNER fairly striles as Knight third sacker Ralph Wolken struts to snag a high throw from the plate and retire a short-circuited Upper Iowa base runner. The catch was good, the slide was better, the runner was safe, Wartburg lost 3-1 and the Peacocks advanced to the NAIA baseball playoffs in Hastings, Neb., with a 17-0 record.

—Photo By George Waters

## Bose Cops 2nd Loop Tifle, But Knights Tumble In Meet

By Norm Beards

Nelson Bose copied his second successive Iowa Conference high hurdles title last Saturday as Wartburg placed sixth in the loop meet at Indianapolis. Bose's time was 15.2 seconds, as compared to 15.7 seconds in last year's conference meet.

The Knights entered the meet after placing second in the triangular meet with Loras at St. Ambrose May 15 and losing to Luther, 7-61, May 12.

Andy Potts tied for the title in the high jump at the conference meet, while Laramie Jacobs tied for second in the pole vaulting event.

## Bose 4th In Lows

Bose also placed fourth place in the low hurdles, while John Potts placed fifth in the javelin throw. Wartburg's relay team won fifth place. Babcock University recaptured the title as they have each year since 1951. The Spartans scored 70 points, winning six events.

Eight meet records were broken at the Luther meet as Nelson Bose set new marks in both the low and high hurdles.

Paul Mueller was the outstanding Knight performer at the Loras-St. Ambrose meet as he placed

## How They Ran

Oubuque	70
Central	39
Simpson	38
Peacocks	23
Luther	20
Wartburg	19
Berna Vista	7
Upper Iowa	4

first in the mile run, third in the half mile and also ran with Wartburg's second place relay team.

John Potts threw his best javelin shot of the season in this meet as he copied second place, throwing 186. Andy Potts placed second in the high jump, while Bose won both the high and low hurdles in this meet.

## WARTBURG'S LADY OF THE COURTS

## Langrock Has Unique Position

By Myrna See

With a total of three wins, four losses and a tentative third place in the Iowa Conference, the Wartburg tennis team and Coach Adeline Langrock complete the 1956 season.

It's somewhat unusual to find a lady tennis coach. Three years ago, an overburdened coaching staff prompted Miss Langrock to take over the extra activity.

"Of course I'd never have done it if I hadn't been terribly interested," said Wartburg's lady of the courts. "Tennis is one of my favorite sports. I began playing in high school, but I didn't receive proper instruction until I was in college."

## Player Needs Stamina

Among qualifications for a good tennis player, Miss Langrock lists stamina, muscular coordination and mental control.

One of the most difficult problems of tennis is the scheduling of games during the very short season in this climate. A 16 game schedule must be completed in about six weeks' time.

## Most Have Background

Most players who come out for tennis are those with a background of high school tennis playing. The coach insists that many of them know more than she can teach them and that she actually learns from them.

"My sweetest victory this year," Miss Lang-



"ALL TOGETHER — One! Two! —" Phy Ed instructor and tennis coach Adeline Langrock leads one of her classes through its paces.

rock confided, "was the 6-3 win over ISTC. That's the school I graduated from."

"I'm proud of my team this year," Miss Langrock said. "Tennis is a sport in which etiquette plays a big part. Our fellows exhibited very good sportsmanship."

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# Knights Doff Togs, End Sports Season

By Bill Melvin

The last piece of athletic equipment has been hung in the locker room and the athletic fields and the gymnasium are silent and still.

Since that Saturday for back in September when the knights took the field at Plattville until last Thursday's closing baseball game with Upper Iowa, the Knight athletes have lived the school year with their ups and with their downs.

**Injuries Middle Gridlers**  
Coach Narn Johnson's football team, riddled by injuries, compiled only a 2-6 record, but it provided some well-remembered thrills. Sitting in the rainwater stands in the narrow 200 ft. Homecoming loss to champion Parsons and cheering at the halftime of the latter game when Warburg held a 7-0 lead over the powerful Norman highlight the memories.

Ernie Oppermann stepped in as head man of the basketball team and thrived. The Knight doctor, by record, has said to be an "almost" conference champion ship tie and a NAA district final berth before going to Coe.

**Grapplers Bare Well**  
The wrestlers, too, filled their home during the winter months. Earning a 3-52 record, the grapplers provided a special treat for spectators of Warburg's night they held heavily favored South Dakota State to a 10-0 win.

Spring activities completed the successful year. The baseball team provided its share of thrills during winning and losing. Many fans will remember missing supper the night of the extra inning marathon with Iowa State Teachers College.

The golfers, netmen and track



Over the hurdles and through the nets to grand sports moments so crack trackster Nellie Bose and hurdler Art Margheim.

men rounded out their schedules successfully whenever the rainy spring weather would allow them to compete. So now, once again, all the excitement is long and the fields of action are silent for another year, but for the athletes and for the fans, the memories linger on.

# Stan Vogel Paces Netsters To Conference Runners-Up

Stan Vogel paced Warburg's tennis team in the Iowa Conference final at Simpson last Saturday by gaining the runner-up spot in the singles competition.

Leithers Don Paulson, ended Vogel's bid for the championship when he downed the aspiring Knight in the first round, 6-0, 6-4, 6-2.

Paulson had earlier eliminated Warburg's other singles entrant, Jack Warbur, 6-0, 6-1. Vogel reached the final by outlasting Steve Barnes of Central in Friday's semi-finals by a 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 margin.

Warburg's doubles entry of Les Beth and Bill Thalerer was eliminated in the first round of tournament play. Simpson's doubles team of Larry Ferber and Chuck Grey won the doubles championship with an upset victory over the Luther team of Paulson and Al Herzen.

The Knights were hampered by the loss of number one man Bob Cornwell who could not participate in the conference meet because of a recurring back ailment.



Vogel

## Complaining?

Diamond Weather Looks Good Compared To '27

Spring showers and cold weather may have forced cancellation of quite a few Knight baseball games this year, but if this year looks bad, better take a glance at the 1927 season.

Only three games were played that year as a combination of rain, snow, sleet and general cold weather forced postponement of every game until mid-May.

Incidentally the Knights (or Ten toes as they were called then) finished with a winning season, holding a 2-1 mark. The only setback of the eliminative season came at the hands of Iowa State Teachers College.

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## DU Drops Local T-Men Who Post 2-6 Season Mark

With a 2-6-4 loss to Dubuque Tuesday, Warburg's golfers closed their season with a 2-6 record. Last week they finished third at the Conference at Indiana.

Dubuque took the title away from the Knights with a team score of 311, followed by Parsons with a 324 total. Warburg scored 327, followed by Luther, Buena Vista and Simpson.

The Knight teeesters were able to salvage one win and one tie against three defeats as they lost to a strong Dubuque quarter. With a 2-24 total, Warburg scored 327, followed by Luther, Buena Vista and Simpson.

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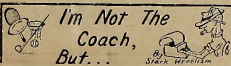
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Princeton College has won the basketball championship. In four years of observing and reporting college sports, this sports writer has seen some fun calls made by officials, but none of them rank second to this one.

When the Iowa Conference commissioner began scratching his head after he considered Parsons' initial protest, he obviously had become so confused that regardless of what would have been his ultimate decision, it would have appeared ludicrous. The fact that the conference officials upheld his ruling further shows that the affair already had become ridiculous, and drawing it out any further would only have made it more so.

They tell the tale of Casey And the time the fans did shout, But here is one on Eby: Mighty Mary has struck out.

The past sports season has provided fans with some of the "most" and the "best" and the "biggest." Here are a few of them as seen from the director's seat of John Q. Fry.

**Most Electrifying Moment**—the final minute in Warburg's 72-71 conquest of Upper Iowa University on the home court. The win gave the Knights a temporary share of the loop title.

**Biggest Surprise of the Year**—the way in which Ernie Oppermann took over the reins of the cage team. He took over at a time when he had seemingly nothing to gain and everything to lose and guided his team into the finals of the NAA district playoffs.

**Best Individual Performances**—toured in by Art Margheim on the hardwood and Nellie Bose on the cinder path. Margheim poured in 36 points in an upset win over ISIC, and Bose latched onto his second straight Iowa Conference hurdle goal.

**Most Disappointing Moment**—came shortly after Luther got the ball in the second half of a home grid game. The Knights led 7-0 at half, but that was all she wrote for Warburg as the Norse scored a 27-7 win.

**Most Exciting Games**—did not come during the evening when in triumph Warburg recorded these scores: 94-0 and 89-0.

**Most Useful Athletes**—those who willingly gave of their time so that the others might win acclaim for themselves and the school.

**Most Gratifying Thought**—no one on this year's basketball team will be lost to graduation.

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